

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Synthes U.S.A.

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Entitled: **DEVICE FOR JOINING A LONGITUDINAL SUPPORT WITH A BONE
FIXATION MEANS**

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